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Welcome Back

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful break and a chance to relax and rest. This is a busy part of the school year with lots going on throughout the school and in the classrooms. This is considered a very productive time of the school year to get things done as routines are established and being followed. Thank you for checking student planners, emails and newsletters for important information.

Welcome to "new" staff

A warm welcome (and welcome back) to Gina Leyenhorst and Christina Fraser in CEA positions, and Jillian Hughes who has taken over for Don Ennis with our grade 3 class. We are happy to have you aboard!



I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to parents who have been able to help with activities around the school this year. Parents are able to help out with skiing at Larch Hills, helping out in the classroom, helping out on field trips, helping with the soup program, tying skates, fund raising, participating with the PAC, donating items to the school and helping out in a variety of other areas throughout the school. We appreciate all your support!

Report Cards

Our first formal report this year was our goal setting conferences in November. This year's first formal written report will be sent home January 31.

North Canoe Goals for 2018-2019:

Goal Statement #1:

- To improve all student's attitude towards reading and ability to read with fluency and comprehension.

Goal Statement #2

- To create a school wide culture of healthy living.

Winter Sports Program



This January, all students have been involved with the Winter Sports program. The grade 3, 4, and 5 students have been visiting Larch Hills to cross country ski. Our last practice day before the Pirate Loppet is Friday January 25 with the loppet following on Friday February 1. Kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 students have started learning skating skills too. Their progress has been great so far as they learn skating techniques from our volunteer parents, middle school students, Silverback players and teaching staff.



On Friday, February 8, the whole school will be heading to Larch Hills for a Winter Fun Day. All students will have a chance to go sledding and the older students will also go snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Thanks to Kelly and Sherri for volunteering to help transport equipment and help up at Larch Hills.

District Cross Country Ski Loppet

Friday, February 1, all grade 3, 4 and 5 students are invited to participate in the District Cross Country Ski Loppet. At the Loppet, parents, if they choose too, are permitted to ski beside their child throughout the race. There are no prizes for winning in the race; only participation and draw prizes are awarded. Permission forms are due this week for students who are interested.



The Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society (LASS) and many community organizations invite you to participate in Unplug & Play Family Literacy Week from January 27 to February 2. We are encouraging students and their families to find a way to balance their technology use by spending more time playing and interacting face-to-face with one another.

Unplug & Play Passports were distributed to all elementary students in the school district. The challenge is for students and families to reduce or eliminate their screen/electronic time for one week. On each passport, there is a daily checklist to record achievements and a schedule of free events for families throughout the North Okanagan-Shuswap. By Wednesday, Feb 5, students can bring their completed passports to the school office and enter for a chance to win a draw prize.

Family Snowshoe Night



Monday, January 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., families are invited to participate in the Family Snowshoe night. This is one of the many free activities in the Literacy Passport for families to participate in. Families can meet at the Little Mountain Sports Field. Please bring your own snowshoes. If you would like to borrow snowshoes from the school, just ask at the office.

PROPS students at North Canoe (Peers Running Organized Play Stations)

Our PROPS students (Grade 4/5 leadership students) are busy in January and February. From Monday to Thursday, they are available at lunch to help students who want to borrow cross country ski equipment, snow shoes or crazy carpets. On Mondays, they set up a game of floor hockey for grade 2-5 students and on Fridays, they set up a game of dodgeball for grade 3-5 students. As well, PROPS students are busy with other jobs around the school such as student secretaries, emcees for our weekly assemblies and supervisors. Thank you to our PROPS students!!

Purple Day Spirit Day January 23

Our PROPS Spirit Group has planned for January 23rd to be a **Purple Spirit Day**. All students and staff (and parents) are invited to wear **purple** on that day! Thanks Jen, for helping the students to organize our spirit days!

North Canoe PAC Talent Show

Students will soon be practicing and preparing their talent scheduled for March 14/19. A special thanks to Gloria Mclean and Joanne Fauteux for organizing and coordinating the event this year. The talent show is set to start at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm (students to arrive at 5:30 pm). This event will be entrance by donation.



Ready, Set, Learn!

A Ready, Set, Learn event will take place in every elementary school in the North Okanagan-Shuswap between January and March 2019.

- Ready, Set, Learn is a free early learning event for families with children who are **3 to 5 years old**
- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early learning experiences
- All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at their local school or contact Jennifer Findlay at 250-833-2095 or jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca for more information
- The Ready Set Learn event at North Canoe School will take place on **March 4th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Library.**

CO-OP Gas Bar



North Canoe has a membership at the CO-OP gas bar. When you fill up, a percentage comes back to the school. If you wish to have your purchase credited to North Canoe's membership, please mention North Canoe Elementary or the account number 96535 when paying. Proceeds will go toward supporting programs at North Canoe. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT NORTH CANOE

JANUARY

7	Monday	First day back
8	Tuesday	PAC mtg 2:35 pm
9	Wednesday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm
11	Friday	gr 3-5 cross country skiing at Larch Hills
15	Tuesday	Staff mtg 2:35 pm
16	Wednesday	gr 3-5 cross country skiing at Larch Hills
17	Thursday	HeARTbeat Theatre at South Broadview – 8:50 am
18	Friday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm
23	Wednesday	Purple Day (wear purple spirit day)
25	Friday	gr 3-5 cross country skiing at Larch Hills
30	Wednesday	Hot lunch prep
31	Thursday	Hot lunch Report cards sent home

FEBRUARY

1	Friday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm Gr 3-5 Pirate Loppet at Larch Hills
6	Wednesday	PAC mtg 2:35 pm
8	Friday	Winter Fun Day at Larch Hills – whole school
13	Wednesday	Staff mtg 2:35 pm
14	Thursday	Pizza Day (PAC)
15	Friday	Pro-D (Regional)
18	Monday	Family Day (no school)
19	Tuesday	K-3 Swim Lessons 9-10 am
20	Wednesday	Div 3 winter concert
21	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
26	Tuesday	K-3 Swim Lessons 9-10 am
27	Wednesday	Recognition Assembly 8:45 am

MARCH

4	Monday	Ready Set Learn 1-2 pm in the Library
5	Tuesday	K-3 Swim Lessons 9-10 am
12	Tuesday	K-3 Swim Lessons 9-10 am
13	Wednesday	Recognition Assembly 8:45 am Staff mtg 2:35 pm
14	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon Talent Show – 6 pm
15	Friday	Last day before March Break Whole school swim - pm

APRIL

1	Tuesday	School re-opens
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